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8:15 a.m.	Astoria for Warrenton, Flavel Fort Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	7:40 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
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6:15 a.m.	Seaside for Warrenton, Flavel, Hammond, Fort Stevens & Astoria	12:50 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
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Importance of Shad Fisheries
 Experts Believe Valuable Industry Can Be Built Up on the Columbia River.

It is just possible that the Columbia shad fisheries may become an important source of revenue at Astoria. Fisheries experts are of the opinion that a valuable industry could be built up, and efforts will be made to interest outside fish dealers. The Pacific Fisherman prints the following in its current issue:

"Since the issuance of our October number we have received many inquiries relative to the shad fisheries on this coast. These fish are practically the same as the famous eastern shad, the enormous number now found on the Columbia river being the result of the planting of eastern fry on this river by the United States fish commission. Answering an inquiry of ours relative to these fish Master Fish Warden Van Dusen, of Oregon, writes us as follows:

"The principal shad fishing done here is during the months of May and June. The canners and packers to whom I have spoken relative to the matter are very anxious to encourage and assist any one who might be disposed to come here to make use of the product. They say that there is no limit to the supply. The only thing that has bothered them has been the finding of a market. The fish run from four to eight pounds. I don't know how they compare with the eastern fish and think this could only be determined by one who was familiar with both the eastern and western shad. I shall be glad to do all that I can to assist you in interesting some of the eastern firms in this fish."

"There is no reason why the Columbia river shad fishery should not develop into an important industry. The fish are there and it only remains for a market to be found to take the product."

Cross Timmons today confirmed the report that at his Bandon cannery the past season he packed 9,000 cases of salmon. He states that his experience has shown him that every sixth year the run of salmon has been at least a third more than those of the five years preceding, and this year he felt so confident that there would be no exception to the rule, that he provided himself with the material necessary for a pack one-third larger. He was not disappointed, every can that he had being filled. Packing operations were suspended on the 3d of November.

R. D. Hume of Wedderburn furnishes eloquent testimony in favor of the salmon hatchery. This year he packed 21,000 cases of salmon, besides putting down in salt from 700 to 800 barrels of choice fish. Time was when Mr. Hume found it difficult to pack over 5,000 cases, but that was before he established his salmon hatchery. In this connection it is worthy of note that it is not long since the record of Mr. Hume's hatchery on Rogue river eclipsed that of the Columbia river hatchery for the same year.

Remember: Herman Wise's \$8.90 suit sale ends tonight.

WILL PREVENT COLLISIONS
 Device by Which One Train Runs Over Another.

Even in this stage of wonders no one would have expected to experience the doubtful pleasure of a head-on railway collision without the usual horrors of a smashup, yet that is put forward by an inventor for his most recent invention.

A single track is used, on which railway cars are caused to travel.

Two cars go head-on for each other, at a speed of 25 miles an hour. They approach within the danger limit, and suddenly the car having the right-of-way runs over the other and lands on the track again, where it continues in safety until it reaches its destination. The under car has proceeded as if nothing had happened.

The cars, although they run upon wheels, are really traveling bridges, with compartments for the accommodation of passengers. Over the framed structure of the car thus constituted an arched track is carried, fastened to the car and serving the purpose of providing a roadbed for the oncoming car.

The forward ends of the pilots of the superimposed tracks are provided with rollers and skids which are so designed that one car shall mount the other without shock.

The skids gently ride up the inclined track of the car ahead, and sufficiently elevate the rollers of the pilots to permit them to run upon the superimposed track without jar. The car itself follows with a motion equally as gentle.

In actual practice cars of eleven feet six inches in length will be employed, the extreme length being forty-three feet.

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A LOVER'S LIE.
 They were engaged; she came to him, With eyes that glowed as hot as hades, And said, with angry look and grim: "I'm told, sir, you have kissed two ladies!"

"Why, darling, how absurd your rage!" He, laughing, cried: " 'Twas but in fun. Together add both maidens' age Would but amount to twenty-one."

Her anger soon wava laughed away, She only thought of ten and eleven; Her eyes again shone bright as day, Reflecting there the lover's heaven.

O rogue, tho' what you said was true, She did not know the truths between— That one of them was only two, The other temptress—sweet nineteen!

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Program Week Commencing December 7

A Care for the Blues, MADELINE EARLE.
 Overture, Beer is 5c, The Walter.
 A return Engagement of the Sparkling Soubrette, - CARMELITA MEEK.
 Overture, "Mistress Nell Waltes" L. V. GUSTIN.

Now we have the sensational hit of the season, JOHN J. LORD, and MEEK CARMELITA, in a novelty act of their own.
 Overture, "Bamboo Queen" HARRY VON TILGER.
 The peer of Song Illustrators, LUCY CUNNINGHAM, presenting Howley Naviland and Dresser's Latest Successes, "Down in the Meadow where the Green Grass Grows."
 Overture, Wait for the Moving Pictures, Edison.
 The somewhat different comedian,

JOHN J. LORD, will hold your attention.
 Overture, "The Lion Hunter" CLYDE L. CRAIG.
 In more of the Latest Eastern Successes, MADELINE EARLE.
 Overture, "Ben Hur Waltes" CHAS. HOFFMAN.
 The Magnetic Star, CARMELITA MEEK will please you.
 Overture, "The Varsity Girl" FRED T. ASHTON.
 The Eccentric Comedian, JOHN J. LORD, will pass out a few knock-out drops.
 Overture, Don't forget the pictures. Once more with the same old smile, MADELINE EARLE.
 Overture, "Marita," Flotow.
 Edison's Latest invention The Projectoscope, in different subjects and scenes

Program is subject to change without notice.

Good Effect of Big Traffic War
 Pacific Mail Steamships Company to Send Steamer Here Every Twenty Days.

The rate war being waged at San Francisco by the allied steamship companies against the China Commercial Company is to be carried north. The Columbia will soon be the scene of operations.

Plans are now being perfected to have a Pacific Mail steamer call here every three weeks on the outward voyage to the orient. The China Commercial Company was formed last May, and since that date the old-established lines have been using their combined efforts to put the newcomer out of business. So far they have failed, the new concern meeting every cut in rates that has been made.

Recently the China Commercial Company sent the Lothian to the Columbia to receive a flour cargo. That was a move which was not looked for. Semi-officially it is stated that before many days elapse one of the Pacific Mail's freighters will come north and secure a flour cargo for Japan and China. This one will be followed by another, and still a third, establishing a regular three weeks' service between the Columbia and the far east.

If eventually the China Commercial is driven out of the field, the Pacific Mail will no longer call here. By that time it is expected that the Portland-Asiatic company's fleet will be sufficiently large to handle the business with out outside assistance.

SOME FRESH STORIES
BISHOP KINSOLVING'S JOKE
 Right Rev. George Kinsolving, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Texas, is a giant in stature, says the Philadelphia Press. On one occasion he was in Philadelphia when a Wild West show happened to be in town. He was swinging along the street one afternoon when he stopped to buy a newspaper. The newsboy looked at the massive figure, surmounted by a big slouch hat and said: "Say, mister, are you Texas Bill?" "No, my boy, I'm not," was the bishop's laughing reply. "I'm Texas George."

THE RESULTS OF PRAYER.
 Archbishop Ireland, who is never without a good story, tells one that he holds to be one of the best illustrations of faith, as well as confidence in individual supplication at the throne of grace, says the Chicago Chronicle. The little six-year-old daughter of one of his parishioners is an exceedingly bright child, a little too bright, as the bishop explained, and she had been praying to have a little brother sent to her. When her prayer was answered she was delighted and her faith greatly augmented thereby. But when one day less than two years later, the gift was repeated, she looked gravely apprehensive.

"I don't want two brothers," she explained, "and I'm sure I prayed too much. I hope God won't answer every prayer I made for a little brother by sending one for each."

But the best evidence of the responsibility she felt in the matter was disclosed on a subsequent occasion, when she heard her father and mother discussing to a dinner table full of guests upon the merits and attractions of these two little sons.

"Yes," taunted this superior elder sister of six years, "and you wouldn't have had either one of them if it hadn't been for me."

Horror! what a fearful blunder—what a devastating break; All the ill that flesh is heir to can be traced to one mistake. Grave in portent, past believing, yet how can it be decried? An electric doctor says so, and he can not be denied. Weak mankind in the beginning could have staved off future wrath Had they used enough discretion to have steered clear of the bath. But they foolishly resorted to disease compelling soap. Since when all poor descendants totter on bereft of hope. But the past is past, and mortals now must do what's first at hand: Every time we feel like bathing start the phonographic band.

Just now shadow socials are the thing in Roseburg society. Over in Woodburn the young folks get where it's too dark for a shadow.

Woodburn Woodmen are enjoying a boom. Geo. K. Rogers, state organizer is with them.